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SUBJECT:MEETING WITH TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY UN REP

1. EUR/SE OFFICERS MET WITH VEDAT CHELIK AT DEPARTMENT ON NOVEMBER 19. CHELIK MADE NO ATTEMPT TO CLAIM THAT HE PRESENT IN CAPACITY AS ATA "MINISTER" AND IN FACT GAVE CARD IDENTIFYING HIMSELF ONLY AS "TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE" AT THE UN.

2. IN COURSE OF FRIENDLY AND USEFUL DISCUSSION, DEPT. OFFICERS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) US SUPPORTS CONCEPT OF GREATER AUTONOMY FOR TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND PRIVATELY BELIEVES, AS DO THE OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED, THAT THIS WILL MOST LIKELY BE REALIZED IN SOME KIND OF GEOGRAPHICAL FEDERAL SYSTEM.

(B) WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR TURK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES TO EXERCISE SOME ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER TURKISH-HELD AREA PENDING A SETTLEMENT AND ARE PREPARED TO CONDUCT
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NECESSARY BUSINESS THROUGH CONSTITUTIONALLY RECOGNIZED

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OFFICES OF VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

(C) WE THEREFORE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SO-CALLED ATA SHOULD INSIST ON PRESENT TYPE OF TRAVEL FORMALITIES,

BUSINESS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES, AND OTHER SIMILAR REGULATIONS WHICH IN EFFECT FORCE FOREIGN COMPANIES AND MISSIONS TO TAKE POSITION ON ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH IN NEGOTIATIONS.

(D) MAIN RESULT OF ALL THIS IS TO CREATE UNNECESSARY FRICTION, UNDERMINE ATMOSPHERE FOR PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, AND PUT OTHERS IN EMBARRASSING POSITION. IN CASE OF FOREIGN COMPANIES OPERATING IN BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH SECTORS OF CYPRUS--AND PARTICULARLY IN CASE OF CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION, REQUIREMENT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH SO-CALLED ATA CREATES VERY AWKWARD LEGAL POSITION AND JEOPARDIZES BUSINESS OPERATIONS ON CYPRUS.

3. CHELIK DEFENDED BUSINESS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHAT EXISTED, WHO OWNED WHAT, AND WHAT FOREIGN FIRMS WERE OPERATING IN TURKISH AREA. HE DID NOT KNOW DETAILS OF RECENT SITUATION, OWING TO HIS TWO-MONTH ABSENCE AT UN, AND APPEARED UNAWARE OF PROBLEMS SUCH AS ATA AUTHORITIES REJECTING CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION REGISTRATION THAT NOTSUBMITTED ON ATA LETTERHEAD. HE ALSO DEFENDED ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR TURK CYPRIOTS AS ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR TRAVEL ABROAD IN VIEW OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING REGULAR CYPRIOT PASSPORTS. AT OUR URGING HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD WAYS IN WHICH ATA REGISTRATION PROCEDURES MIGHT BE INTERPRETED SO THAT US FIRMS COULD COMPLY.

4. FOLLOWING EUR/SE MEETING, CHELIK MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HARTMAN EXPRESSED OUR DESIRE FOR EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT AND BELIEF THAT CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS A POSITIVE ELEMENT WHICH NEED SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE AND NOT UNHELPFUL PRESSURES. HARTMAN ALSO NOTED THAT, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY,

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MANY PEOPLE EQUATE BIZONAL SOLUTION WITH PARTITION AND INQUIRED IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SOFTEN THIS IMPRESSION BY CREATING A FEW SMALL CANTONS WITHIN AN ESSENTIALLY BIZONAL FEDERATION.

5. CHELIK SAID COMPLETE SEPARATION WAS NEVER IMPLIED OR FORESEEN. WHILE NOT RULING OUT POSSIBILITY RAISED BY HARTMAN, HE SAID PARTITION DEPENDS ON INTENTIONS OF OUT-

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SIDE POWERS AND NOT ON NUMBER OF CANTONS. CHELIK ALSO PRAISED CLERIDES' "REALISM" BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MAKARIOS' RETURN COULD "BLOW EVERYTHING UP."

6. COMMENT: CHELIK STRUCK US AS TOUGH BUT REASONABLE AND REINFORCED OUR FEELING THAT DENKTASH AND CLERIDES COULD MAKE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS ON A SETTLEMENT IF GIVEN THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE.

7. MEETINGS WITH CHELIK SHOULD BE KEPT ON NOFORN BASIS.
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